an Alternative Dispute Resolution through arbitration, mediation and conciliation. The process is on. Secondly, so far as the other aspect of the question is concerned, the Government has, on the basis of judgement, filed a petition in the Supreme Court, seeking modifications of the original orders that it should be on the basis of 50 per million population. An order in this regard is still awaited. The Supreme Court is still to deliberate on its order.

SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Is there any proposal to have a judicial Commission which could supervise the appointments and transfer of judges?

SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY: Sir, the NDA Government is committed to the appointment of a National Judicial Commission. It is committed to the appointment of not only the Supreme Court judges, but also the High Court judges and their transfers. The matter is being discussed with all the political parties. As the Law Minister, I have taken up this matter with all the political parties. I hope, sooner than later, we will be able to arrive at a consensus. On that basis, a Bill will be brought forward to this House, as early as possible.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Ayurvedic System of Medicine

*262. SHRI SURESHPACHOURI:

SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken by Government to encourage the Ayurvedic System of Medicine; .

(b) whether the Ayurvedic drug manufacturers are finding it difficult to withstand the competition from the Allopathic Sysem of Medicine; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to reduce the cost of production of Ayurvedic medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Government has taken several measures to encourage Ayurvedic System of Medicine. These measures are:

(i) Support to undergraduate and postgraduate institutions of ISM&H;

(ii) Extra-mural research;

(iii) Participation in fairs & holding conferences;

(iv) Schemes relating to development of medicinal plants and establishment of Medicinal Plants Board;

(v) Strengthening of State Pharmacies and Laboratories;

(vi) Standardization, quality control and expansion of testing facilities;

(vii) Sensitization and awareness building.

There is no direct competition between the Ayurvedic System of Medicine and Allopathic System of Medicine.

The expansion of modern medicine has been rapid whereas the growth of Ayurvedic medicines was affected due to lack of adequate supply of quality raw materials, inadequate testing facilities, R&D activities and absence of quality assurance. Measures have been taken to address these issues.

The price of Ayurvedic drugs, raw or finished, is not controlled. However, Government have taken steps to augment supply of raw material. The Government have also projected the need for conferring green industry and priority industry status to the ISM&H industry in its policy. These measures are expected to have positive effect on the cost of production and price of Ayurvedic products.

Marketing of Levonorge by Cipla

*267. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:
SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Cipla is marketing Levonorge without DCGI's approval;